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1. The tractor plant near Minsk (53°50'N/27°35'E) was located 3 km east of the outskirts of Minsk, south of the railroad line to Borisov (54°13'N/28°25'E) and 200 to 300 meters west of the airfield of Minsk-East. *
2. The assembly shop installation was not yet completed in October 1949. The machine shop was completed in June 1949. The framework of the foundry was completed by August 1949. The internal combustion engine section and the tool-making shop were in operation in October 1949 and production in the forge was started in the summer of 1949.
3. During the reported period the plant manufactured replacement parts for tractors; small spare parts for a tank repair plant in Minsk; plows with four, five and eight plow shares; starters for tractors and four-cylinder tractor engines. [redacted] according to notices put up on plant bulletin boards, a daily production of 30 to 40 tractors was planned for early 1949. However, no completed tractors left the plant prior to October 1949. This delay was due to the lack of water, electricity, insulating material, special machines and, above all, to lack of interest in the work on the part of the workers. [redacted] the production of tractors would be started in late 1950.
4. Electricity was supplied by the Minsk power plant. The tractor plant had two emergency generating sets which, however, were not adequate to meet their requirements when the municipal power supply failed, as was frequently the case. An electric power line to the new Minsk power plant was installed, but the new plant was not yet in operation at the time of observation.
5. In January 1949, the productive work force was 1,000 Soviets working one shift; and in October 1949, the figure was 3,000 Soviets, including 35 to 40 percent women, working in three shifts. Soviets said that the plant was ultimately to have a total work force of 15,000 to 20,000. **

Comment. For layout sketch of this plant, see Annex.

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
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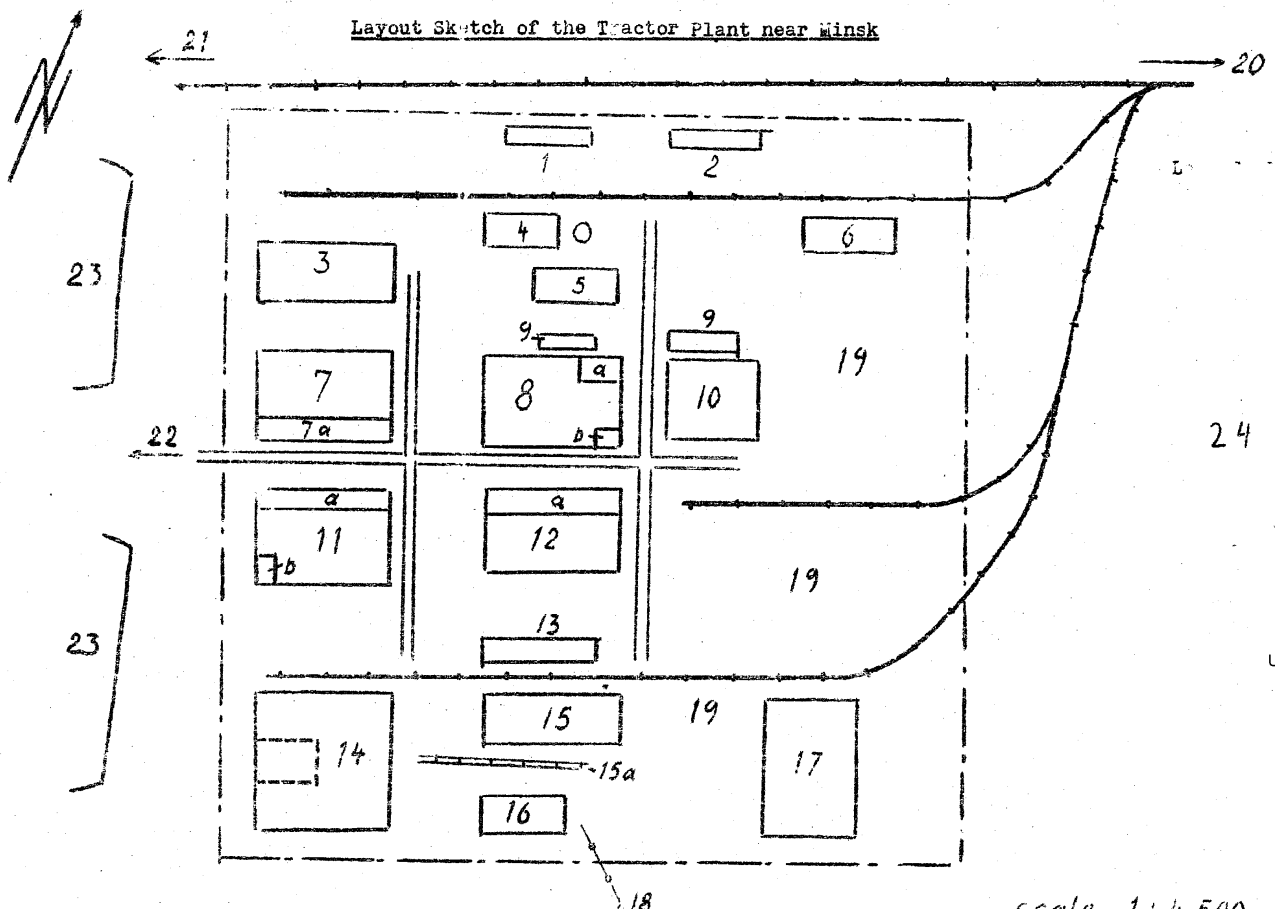
**  Comment. Both the location and layout of the plant have been described in previous reports. The present report, however, gives new information on the recently completed sections of the plant. The information on the rate of production is also noteworthy. It was previously reported that the production of tanks was originally to be started in the second half of 1948 but was later postponed to late 1949. The plant is said to manufacture a wheel tractor fitted with a type KD-35 Diesel engine.

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1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto.

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Layout Sketch of the Tractor Plant near Minsk



Legend: See next page.

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Legend.

1. Carpenter shop.
2. Sawmill.
3. Main materials warehouse. Dumping area for machines and mechanical equipment of every description.
4. Boiler house also containing electric main switch. Five boilers were in operation and two emergency Diesel sets were available.
5. Garage.
6. Section 26.
7. Hall 4, tool-making shop, manufacture of jigs and fixtures, laboratory. This section was to be used later as a machine shop. It contained 250 lathes from 3 to 12 meters long, 60 to 80 drilling machines, 30 to 40 grinding machines, 20 milling machines and six or seven steam hammers, all fitted with separate electric drive.
 - a. Administrative annex, a four story building.
8. Hall 1, assembly shop, temporarily equipped with some smelting furnaces for constructional purposes. Three crane tracks were completed by late 1948. The entire installation had not been completed in October 1949.
 - a. Office annex.
 - b. Transformer station.
9. Fire-extinguishing pond.
10. Hall 5.
11. Hall 22, internal combustion engine building section, equipped with about 30 machines used for manufacturing engine components including piston rings.
 - a. Office annex, a four story building.
 - b. Transformer station.
12. Hall 6, machine shop. The building was completed in June 1949.
 - a. A four story warehouse building.
13. PW camp.
14. Drop forge.
15. New building, foundry.
 - a. Traveling crane.
16. New building, foundry.
17. A new building of undetermined purpose. It was a steel and concrete structure and had a slanting roof made of concrete slabs.

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- 18. High-tension line.
- 19. Various buildings and sheds used by the building firms.
- 20. Railroad to Borisov.
- 21. Railroad to Minsk.
- 22. Highway to Minsk.
- 23. Settlement.
- 24. Airfield of Minsk-East.

PWs were not admitted to the area occupied by items 14 to 17.

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